

Compendium, Catechism of the Catholic Church

148. Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?

In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the *people of God*. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family).

Today's Readings

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134)

Monday
September 21
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643)

Tuesday
September 22
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 (450)

Wednesday
September 23
Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

Thursday
September 24
Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

Friday
September 25
Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

Saturday
September 26
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

Sunday
September 27
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137)

Servant of All

Readings: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Psalm 54:3-8

James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37 (see also "Finding Christ in the Psalms")

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests and scribes - who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33-34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will...deliver Him..." (compare Matthew 27:41-43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2: 5-11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

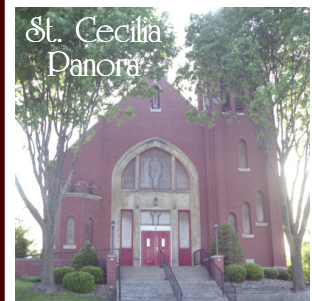
September 20, 2009



St. Patrick Bayard



St. Mary Guthrie Center



St. Cecilia Panora

Our Mission: To authentically hand on the Catholic Faith by leading people to Jesus in the Eucharist; so that our living Savior will help us to Know Him, to Love Him as He desires, to use our gifts to Serve Him, and to fulfill our purpose of living with Him in Heaven.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Mon. 5:30 pm (St P) Mass -- Jacqueline & Renae

Tue. 5:30 pm (St M) Mass -- Melvin Reinhart

Wed. 8:00 am (St C) Mass -- Albert & Dorothy Kennebeck

Thu. 8:00 am (St C) Mass -- Nellie Watts

Fri. 8:00 am (St M) Mass -- Leon Garreau

Sat. 4:30 pm (St P) Mass -- Kathryn Walstrom

Sun. 8:30 am (St C) Mass -- StC & StM & StP Parishioner's

Sun. 10:30 am (St M) Mass -- Richard McCann

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia

Tuesday

3:30—7:00 pm

St. Mary

Wednesday

3:30—5:00 pm

St. Patrick

Sunday

9:00—10:00 am

**Stewardship
Gifts
Last
Week** 

St Cecilia 2,904.50

St Mary 937.30

St Patrick 1,229.00

RCIA

Please contact Father Peters at 641-747-2569 if you know of someone interested in learning about the one Church that Jesus started and might be interested in joining.



St. Cecilia's Religious Formation

"Let the children come to me" Mk 10:14

Sunday's following 8:30 Mass
Pre-K (age 4) - 8th grades
Classes end at 10:30

*** Classes start September 20 ***

KWKY 'Faith Matters'
1150AM Catholic Radio, Des Moines IA

AVE MARIA RADIO on the Web
www.avemariaradio.net

Get answers and the truth about the Catholic Faith from *Catholic Answers Live* - weekdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Jimmy Akin - Catholic Answers Director of Apologetics and Evangelization - answers questions on Thursdays. Once you hear Jimmy explain something, you won't want to miss when he is on.

Jimmy was born in Texas and raised in Arkansas. He grew up nominally Protestant but at age 20 experienced a profound conversion to Christ. Planning on becoming a Protestant pastor or seminary professor, he started an intensive study of the Bible, but the more he immersed himself in Scripture the more he found to support the Catholic faith. Eventually, he was compelled in conscience to enter the Catholic Church, which he did in 1992.



St. Patrick's Religious Education

Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 16

4:00 - 5:00 pm

1st grade - ???

2nd - Anne McAlister

3rd & 4th grades - Nancy Hagan

5th & 6th grades - Angela Golay

5:30 - 6:30 pm

7th - 8th grades - Deb Carter

7:00 - 8:00 pm

9th - 12th grades - Mike McAlister

A Short Catechism on Prayer - Part 2

9. What are the principal fruits of Prayer?

Prayer, 1. Unites us to God; 2. Makes us heavenly minded; 3. Strengthens us against evil; 4. Gives us zeal and energy for good; 5. Comforts us in adversity; and 6. Obtains help for us in time of need, and the grace of perseverance unto death.

Examples: Moses ([Exod. 17:11](#)); Samuel ("And Samuel cried unto the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day." [1 Kings 12:18](#) in the Douay Rheims, and [1 Sam 12:18 in the NIV.](#)); also in the Douay see [Judith 9](#), [Esther 14](#); and the Machabees ([2 Mac. 15:27](#)). The first Christians prayed while Peter was in prison. ([Acts 12:5](#))

10. How must we pray that we may obtain these fruits?

We must pray, 1. With devotion; 2. With humility; 3. With confidence; 4. With resignation to the will of God; and 5. With perseverance.

11. When do we pray with devotion?

When our prayer comes from the heart, and we avoid all distracting thoughts as much as possible.

"This people honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." ([Matt. 15:8](#)).

12. Are all the distractions in prayer sinful?

They are sinful when we ourselves are the cause of them, or willfully admit or entertain them; but when we struggle against them, they increase our merit.

[Editor: This can be more easily understood if we think of the times we have a duty to pray, to direct our minds and hearts toward God, such as during the mass or sacraments. During worship we come to be in God's presence, to listen and speak with Him. Does it then make sense to willfully allow ourselves to be distracted? Also, it would be like calling someone over, by name, and making a standard request by rote but not paying attention to what you are saying, or to the person you are addressng. If you made a request like this to your employer, what do you think his response would be?]

13. What should we do in order that we may be less distracted in our prayers?

Before our prayers we should, as far as possible, banish all worldly thoughts, and represent the Omnipresent God in a lively manner to our mind.

[Ecclesiasticus 18:23](#) "Before prayer prepare your soul: and be not as a man that tempts God." [But compare the [NAB.](#)] [[St. Francis de Sales](#) tells us: "Pray for your prayer's success."]

14. When do we pray with humility?

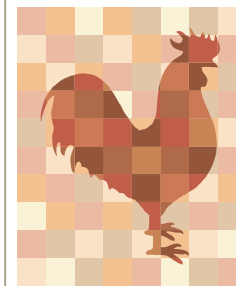
When we address our prayers to God with a sincere acknowledgment of our weakness and unworthiness.

"The prayer of him that humbles himself shall pierce the clouds." ([Ecclesiasticus 35:21](#)). See also the Pharisee and the Publican ([Luke 18:9-14](#)).

15. When do we pray with confidence?

When we firmly hope that God will hear our prayer, inasmuch as it is conducive to His honor and to our salvation.

"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavers is like a wave of the sea, which is moved and carried about by the wind. Therefore let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" ([James 1:6-7](#)).



St. Patrick Church Annual Fall Dinner

Sunday - September 27

at the Bayard Community Building
4:30—7:00 p.m. (or until food is gone)

Menu: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Salad, Dessert & Drink.

Cost: Adults \$7.00 and Children (10 & under) \$4.00

Carry Out Available—Call 651-2513—Community Center.



ST. CECILIA'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Serving 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Veterans Auditorium - Panora, IA

Adults: \$9.00 Children 6—12: \$6.00 5& under: Free

Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Homemade Pie, Coffee - Iced Tea - Lemonade

Carry Outs Available

Delicious Food Provided by Staley's Food Service of Charter Oak, IA

The first session for "On A Journey Together", is this weekend. A light meal and beverage will be provided.

St Patrick's session will begin immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 19th (5:45 p.m.) in the church basement.

St Mary's session will begin immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 20th (11:45 a.m.) in the parish hall.

St Cecilia's session will begin on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement.

We look forward to seeing you there! Blessings on you and yours.

Wayne & Sonja Hennessey
Mark & Barb Moore
Deacon Hans & Sue Seeman
Deacon Dick & Connie Ziller

Regular Schedule

1st Weekend

Food Pantry Weekend
please bring nonperishable items

1st Wednesday

Altar & Rosary Aug-May 5:30 pm
StM Knights of Columbus 7 pm

1st Friday

Coffee & Rolls following
8:00 am Mass at St Mary's

4th Monday

StC Knights of Columbus 7 pm

Per Notice

St Cecilia CCW
St Patrick Ladies Guild

StC Religious Formation

Sunday's following 8:30 Mass

StP Religious Education

Wednesdays K-6 Class 4:00—5:00

7th -8th Class 5:30—6:30

9th-12th Class 7:00—8:00

StM Generations of Faith

2nd Wednesdays; Sept. - March
(Dec: 1st Wednesday)

ST P MINISTERS next weekend

Lector Judee Vaughan
EM Judee Vaughan & Gary Haverman

ST C MINISTERS next weekend

EM Fran Brune, Mark & Barb Moore, Eric Webster
Gifts Jean & Dominic Higgins
Greeters Tom & Page Arganbright
Lectors Michael Carey, Bette Donahey
Servers Madison Fisher, Cacia Hennen, Carly Hennen
Usher Orville & Kathleen Leinen, John & Rosemarie Staebell
Video Wayne Hennessey

ST M MINISTERS next weekend

EM Jim & Mary Bradford, Sandy Eivins
Gifts Brenda & Megan Sloss
Greeter Brenda Sloss
Lectors Dennis & Kim Patrick
Server Katie Brawdy, Sydney Danker
Usher Robert Flanery
Song Leader Lori Faucher & Amber Feilmeier